

## THE FATE OF MAFEKING.

Reports Differ Materially  
With Reference to Sit-  
uation.

ONE THAT IT HAS FALLEN.

Another to the Effect That  
Force of Boers is Cap-  
tured.

London, May 15.—A special from  
Lorenzo Marquez says it is reported a  
large force of Boers has been captured  
by the British at Mafeking.

Pretoria reports on the other hand  
that Mafeking has fallen.

London, May 15.—The war office  
has received the following from Bul-  
ler: "Dundee, May 15.—At noon we  
occupied Dundee. About 2,500 of the  
enemy left yesterday for Glencoe,  
where they entrained their wagons,  
and also left yesterday by De Jagers  
Drift and the Dannhauser road. Their  
kaffirs said they were going to  
Laining's Nek. Almost every house in  
Dundee is completely looted. Navi-  
gation colliery is all right. The ma-  
chinery of Dundee collieries is de-  
stroyed. The houses of the town  
were damaged, but structurally are in-  
tact."

Boer Forces Concentrating.

Kroonstad, May 14.—It is reported  
the whole Boer force are concentrat-  
ing on the Vaal and withdrawing from  
Biggarsberg and southwestern bor-  
ders. It is computed that not more  
than 2,000 Free Staters will fight on  
the Vaal. Railway communication  
with this place is expected to be open  
Thursday. The transport is working  
smoothly. Troops and horses are  
receiving full rations. Water is  
plentiful and the health of the troops  
is excellent.

Brands Drift, May 13.—Rundell  
completely checked an attempt of  
the Boers to come south again,  
and the enemy is retiring before the  
persistent advance of the British.  
Many were captured or surrendered.  
There were 150 at Thone yesterday  
and today, among them Steyn's  
brother. The Ladybrand district is  
clear of Boers. They have evacuated  
Mequating nek and are now near  
Lindley.

Lisbon, May 15.—It is rumored  
here today that Kruger has ordered  
the Portuguese consul to leave the  
Transvaal republic.

BRITISH ONCE MORE REACH DUNDEE.

Union Jack Again at the Point Where  
Hostilities Began.

London, May 15.—General Buller  
has at last been heard from in action  
again. He has, it seems, driven the  
Boers from their strong position in the  
Biggarsberg, and has occupied Dun-  
dee, where the war began and where  
General Buller's first defeat was  
suffered. There is nothing  
official from the scene at this writ-  
ing, but the following is a special dis-  
patch from Stone Hill Farm, Natal,  
dated yesterday:

"Gen. Buller's advance commenced  
Thursday, when he left Ladysmith in  
strength. When within two miles of  
Helmakkar the Boers opened a heavy



GENERAL HILDYARD.

artillery fire and the British guns re-  
plied, while a portion of Buller's troops  
worked round the Boer flanks. The  
British attack was pressed home Sun-  
day. Bethune, on the right, out-  
flanked the Boers, whose splendid de-  
fensive positions on the Biggarsberg  
were practically taken. Gen. Buller's  
march subsequent to the attack was  
carried out without a hitch. The  
British are still pushing on."

Another dispatch announces the ar-  
rival of British troops at Dundee.

Boers Again Attack Mafeking.

A dispatch from Pretoria is pub-  
lished, dated May 12, which says:

"A war bulletin has been issued here

announcing that the British are ad-  
vancing against the Boers at Help-  
makkar and Tonders. Nek. The bur-  
ghers this morning attacked Mafeking.  
The telegraphist at Malopo says that  
a heavy rifle and cannon fire was  
heard before 6 o'clock today and that  
the 'kaffir location' was in flames with-  
in an hour and was totally destroyed.  
At 10 o'clock, he adds, everything was  
quieter.

Boer Women Ask for Arms.

At a meeting of 350 Afrikaander wom-  
en held yesterday it was resolved to  
ask the government for arms and am-  
munition and suggest that they do the  
work of the men officials in the town,  
who they declared, 'ought to be fight-  
ing at the front.' The resolution was  
carried unanimously. The Volksstem  
asserts that the British prisoners in  
the hands of the Boers will first feel  
the effects of the embargo placed on  
tinned meats and clothing destined for  
the Transvaal at Delagoa bay.

TREATMENT OF PRISONERS.

Subject of Interchange of Telegrams Be-  
tween Roberts and Kruger.

London, May 15.—The war office has  
published a dispatch from Lord Roberts  
dated Kroonstad, Sunday, May 13,  
giving the correspondence between  
Lord Roberts and President Kruger  
relative to the alleged ill-treatment of  
colonial prisoners. The Transvaal's  
reply was to the effect that there was  
no difference in the treatment of the  
colonial and other prisoners, and that  
only a few who had contravened mar-  
tial law or who had tried to escape, or  
who, it had been suspected, might try  
to escape, had been placed in jail for  
security. Otherwise they had been  
treated like the other prisoners of war.  
Regarding the interchange of telegrams,  
the Transvaal said it was preva-  
lent among the civil population as  
well as among the prisoners, and every  
remedial measure had been taken.

Lord Roberts replied April 22 that  
he was glad to receive President Krug-  
er's assurances, and pointed out that  
no differences were made by the British  
authorities in regard to the Boer pris-  
oners against whom there might be  
personal grounds for suspicion that  
they would try to escape, adding that  
such exceptions gave room for abuse  
by officials without the knowledge of  
the authorities.

Roberts also sends an official dis-  
patch announcing another violation of  
the white flag by Boers at a kraal on  
May 10. The white flag, flying over  
the kraal and a party of British sol-  
diers rode up when it was fired on from  
the kraal, killing Captain Elsworth and  
wounding two other officers and cap-  
turing two others and twenty-one men.  
When fired on the British were unsav-  
ing their horses.

REVIEW OF BULLER'S OPERATIONS.

Breaks Into Territory the Boers Have  
Been Governing for Months.

London, May 15.—General Buller's  
march into the Biggarsberg position  
was effected by a bold movement. The  
Boers had evacuated Helpmakkar, but  
were making a stand last evening at  
Rieskopfontein, seven miles from Dun-  
dee. The corps on the spot regarded this  
as a rear guard action, intended to  
cover the retreat of the army. At  
his success, therefore, has political as  
well as military consequences.

General Buller, who seems to be em-  
ploying his full strength, is expected to  
push on. He is breaking into British  
territory which had been administered  
for six months by the Transvaals as  
though it were part of the republic,  
they holding courts and levying taxes.  
His success, therefore, has political as  
well as military consequences.

While Lord Roberts' infantry is con-  
centrating at Kroonstad, where it will  
rest for a day or two, his horsemen  
have penetrated eighteen miles north-  
ward. Two hundred Boers who had  
hidden in the river jungles near Kroon-  
stad to escape service have surrendered  
to the British and taken the oath of  
allegiance.

Nothing definite has been heard  
about the relief of Mafeking. The  
Cape Town correspondents continue to  
wire that relief is imminent, fixing to-  
day or tomorrow as probable dates.  
Inquiries at the war office are told that  
the news of the relief will be made  
public immediately on its receipt.

The same stories of disintegration  
come from nearly every point where  
the English correspondents are. Mr.  
Holladay, a correspondent at the Big-  
garsberg, who was put over the Trans-  
vaal border, telegraphing from Lou-  
renzo Marquez, says: "Judging from  
talks I have had with the Boers the  
end of the war will come in a month  
or six weeks. Mr. Steinkamp, chair-  
man of the second road, traveled with  
me. . . . I gathered from him that  
the whole available force of the  
Transvaal was now in the field, the  
final commandering having taken place  
last Thursday, and that it is only the  
powerful magnetism of President Krug-  
er that holds his burghers together."

Has Hopes for Mafeking.

London, May 15.—The parliamentary  
secretary of the war office, Mr. George  
Wyndham, replying to a question in  
the house of commons yesterday, de-  
clined to divulge Lord Roberts' plans  
for the relief of Mafeking, but he ad-  
ded that he hoped they would shortly  
be accomplished.

Not Best Made.

"I am sorry to disappoint you, young  
man," said the great railway magnate  
to the reporter who had called in for  
the purpose of writing him up, "but I  
did not begin at the bottom and  
work my way up. I never blacked  
the boots of the engine drivers and  
never carried beer for the janitor of  
the roundhouse. I was kicked through  
college by my father, inherited a for-  
tune, which I invested in railroad  
shares, and I hold this job because I  
have votes enough to control it. It is  
too bad, my young friend, but we can't  
all be self-made men. We would be-  
come tiresome." And he bowed the  
caller out.—Chicago Tribune.

When a man is hungry, he doesn't  
waste much time reading the bill of  
fare.—Chicago News.

## FUSILLADE OF LEAD.

St. Louis Police Catch Wire-Cut-  
ters in the Act and Fire  
on Them.

NOBODY EITHER HIT OR CAPTURED.

Suburban Line Gives in to the Strikers  
—Negotiations with the Transit  
—Other Labor Troubles.

St. Louis, May 15.—Nearly fifty shots  
were fired in an encounter between  
guards and wire-cutters near Brent-  
wood, on the Meramec division of the  
Suburban road yesterday. The fight  
took place a quarter of a mile from the  
power house at Brentwood. Four men  
guarding the property of the Suburban  
saw two men on foot and one on  
horseback moving along the car tracks.  
One began climbing a wooden trolley  
pole, carrying a pair of shears. The  
guards opened fire at the climber, who  
slid to the ground. The three men re-  
turned the shots and fled, with more  
bullets following them.

St. Louis, May 15.—There were im-  
portant developments in the street car



MAYOR HENRY ZIEGENHEIN.

strike situation yesterday. At a confer-  
ence held between the officials of the  
Suburban Railway company and the  
system in St. Louis not controlled by  
the St. Louis Transit company and on  
which a strike was inaugurated ten  
days prior to that declared on the  
Transit system, and the employees of  
that road an amicable adjustment was  
effected and the men returned to work  
this morning.

Terms of the Suburban Settlement.

By the agreement entered into be-  
tween General Manager Jenkins of the  
Suburban road, and George W. Wood-  
ward, chairman of the grievance com-  
mittee which settled the strike, all dif-  
ferences were submitted to arbitra-  
tion. The question involved was a dis-  
cussion of the violation of the agree-  
ment of April 6. The arbitrators are  
to decide whether the company or its  
employees violated that agreement. If  
the decision is in favor of the company  
then all the men are to return to work  
and comply with the terms of the  
agreement of April 6. Jenkins agreeing  
to do the same. If the decision is  
against Manager Jenkins, then the  
company agrees to arbitrate all ques-  
tions at issue between it and its em-  
ployees.

Conference Over the Transit Strike.

President Whitaker, of the Transit  
company, said after adjournment of a  
conference that met yesterday to talk  
of settling the strike: "There is  
nothing to be said about the conference,  
because nothing definite has been done.  
We talked, and that is all. Propositions  
have been made and are under consid-  
eration. No one was authorized to  
speak for the meeting, because our  
business has not been concluded. I am  
not in the habit of giving out informa-  
tion unless it is correct, and therefore  
there is no use saying anything unless  
it is final. Theoretical. There is  
nothing more to give out tonight. I  
stand ready at any time to meet rep-  
resentatives of the employees for further  
conferences."

The Suburban company had no diffi-  
culty in maintaining a thorough run-  
ning schedule yesterday and no seri-  
ous demonstrations on that line oc-  
curred. On the Transit company's  
system there were a number of demon-  
strations—more noisy than otherwise.  
In one instance the police were obliged  
to charge on a crowd of strike sym-  
patizers to disperse it, and in a number  
of instances used the flat side of their  
sabres in accomplishing their purpose.  
No casualties of a serious nature were  
reported during the day.

PESSIMISTIC PRESIDENT BOYCE.

Labor Leader Who Paints Uncle Sam in  
Dark Colors.

Denver, Colo., May 15.—In his ad-  
dress at the opening of the annual con-  
vention of the Western Federation of  
Miners yesterday President Boyce said:  
"I will say without hesitation or  
fear of contradiction that in the  
grandest republic ever organized in  
the world we are fast descending to a  
condition worse than has ever existed  
in any monarchy on earth. It is time  
for laboring people to say that no mil-  
itary despot shall exist in any state or  
county of this country."

"We should no longer endure the ac-  
tion of the judges sitting on the bench  
of the United States supreme court who  
issue injunctions restraining laboring  
men. There seems no relief to be ex-  
pected from any political organization  
existing today. I am sorry to say, and  
all hope of gaining relief through pol-  
itics must come when we come to the  
point where we can rely upon ourselves  
to cast a united vote."

Another Labor Fight in Kansas City.  
Kansas City, May 15.—Following out

their declared intention of last week,  
the building trade lockout became ef-  
fective yesterday. Members of the  
club say that about 800 carpenters,  
painters, tinners and plasterers were  
locked out, while the union men de-  
clared that but between 300 and 400 are  
affected. The lockout was a test of  
strength between the boss builders and  
the unions. The lockout was ordered  
by the master builders in an effort to  
break up the Building Trades Council  
and force each union to treat with con-  
tractors independent of all other uni-  
ons.

Street Car Strikers Parade.

Kansas City, May 15.—The street  
railway strike here was devoid of ex-  
citing incident yesterday. The strik-  
ers, to the number of about 200, pa-  
raded the streets with a brass band in  
the afternoon, appearing on the streets  
after the chief of police had refused to  
issue a permit for the parade and an  
appeal to Mayor Reed had been re-  
sorted to, the mayor issuing the per-  
mit.

Labor Unions in a War.

Tampa, Fla., May 15.—The labor  
troubles here have taken a turn for the  
worse. There is now a general strike  
in all the cigar factories of the Ha-  
vana-American company in this city,  
and about 1,000 are out. The trouble is  
a struggle between the labor uni-  
ons, each trying to make the strike  
the superiority of one over the other.

INHERITANCE TAX IS VALID.

National Supreme Court Declares the  
Whole Law Proper and Good.

Washington, May 15.—The supreme  
court of the United States yesterday  
announced opinions in the cases  
arising under the inheritance  
tax provision of the war re-  
venue act, and also in a case involv-  
ing the applicability of the state in-  
heritance tax law of New York to es-  
tates composed of government bonds.  
There were five decisions under the  
federal law and one under the state  
law, but two of the former class ap-  
plied, as did one of the latter class,  
to the taxation of government bonds.  
The court held that neither under  
the state nor the national enactment  
were national bonds exempt from taxa-  
tion. The validity of the general fed-  
eral law was affirmed, but it was held  
to be purely applicable to legacies and  
not to the entire estates of deceased  
persons, the court holding that "the  
tax is on the passing of legacies or dis-  
tributive shares of personality, with a  
progressive rate on each, separately  
determined by the sum of such legacies  
or distributive shares."

Record of the National Game.

Chicago, May 15.—League scores on  
the diamond yesterday were as fol-  
lows: At Chicago—New York 6, Chi-  
cago 4; at Pittsburgh—Boston 3, Pitts-  
burg 6; at St. Louis—Brooklyn 3, St.  
Louis 2; at Cincinnati—Philadelphia  
7, Cincinnati 4.

At Buffalo—Mil-  
waukee 9, Buffalo 10; at Cleveland—  
Minneapolis 3, Cleveland 6; at Detroit  
—Chicago 5, Detroit 3; at Indianapolis  
—Kansas City 6, Indianapolis 11.

Avenged Himself by a Triple Crime.

Butte, Mont., May 15.—Charles  
Paustein, a well-known athlete, shot  
and killed Alexander Tate, manager of  
a butchering concern, shot and se-  
riously wounded Mrs. Alexander Tate,  
and then committed suicide. Paustein's  
wife secured a divorce on account of  
crimes. Paustein charged Tate and  
his wife with being responsible for the  
separation of himself and wife and  
avenged himself in the above manner.

Biggest "Old Glory" in the World.

Washington, May 15.—Ferdinand  
Peck, United States commissioner gen-  
eral to the Paris exposition, recently  
requested the loan of the large flag  
which had been hoisted at the World's  
Fair. The intention, he said, to float it  
on the Eiffel tower on the Fourth of  
July. Secretary Hitchcock has decided  
to grant the request. This is the  
largest American flag in the world,  
measuring 28x50 feet.

Charged with Plotting Assassination.

Montgomery, Ala., May 15.—Wan-  
tants were sworn out yesterday for the  
arrest of Warren S. Reese, United  
States district attorney for the middle  
district of Alabama, Julian H. Bing-  
ham, internal revenue collector for  
Alabama, and Frank Morague, on a  
charge of conspiracy to kill certain  
doorkeepers at the state capitol on the  
day of the meeting of the Republican  
state convention.

Fool Frank of a Drunken Husband.

Tiffin, O., May 15.—Mrs. W. J. Wil-  
son was so severely burned about the  
face and upper part of the body that  
she will lose her eyesight. She and  
her husband were in bed, the latter  
having been drinking heavily for the  
past several days. He lighted a cigar-  
ette and the bed became smoldering.  
Before Mrs. Wilson could escape she  
was terribly burned.

Compromised on the Boer Issue.

Boston, May 15.—The lower branch  
of the Massachusetts legislature yester-  
day passed a compromise resolution  
on the Boer war, congratulating Presi-  
dent McKinley upon the attitude which  
he has maintained, with an amendment  
expressing a hope that peace might  
soon be declared with honor for Great  
Britain and independence for the re-  
publics.

Famine Districts of India.

New York, May 15.—The Indian fa-  
mine relief committee has issued an  
appeal to the citizens, saying that  
America ought to send at least \$1,000,-  
000 to the famine districts of India.

College Men on a Raid.

Kalamazoo, Mich., May 15.—Mem-  
bers of the sophomore and junior  
classes of Kalamazoo broke into the  
home of Rev. G. D. Adams, where the  
seniors were being entertained Thurs-  
day night, and made an unsuccessful  
attempt to carry off the ice cream and  
cake.

Prominent Surgeon Dead.

Richmond, Ind., May 15.—Dr. J. R.  
Weist, aged 60, a surgeon of interna-  
tional reputation and an originator of  
the American Surgical society, died  
last night.

## TEST OF STATE LAWS.

Statutes of Illinois Governing In-  
surance Companies Pro-  
duce Litigation.

TWO IMPORTANT SUITS ARE BEGUN.

Gov. Tanner May Not Have to Submit  
to an Operation—Judge Phil-  
lips Is Very Ill.

Springfield, Ill., May 15.—Superin-  
tendent of Insurance Van Cleave yester-  
day revoked the license of the Des  
Moines Life Insurance company of Des  
Moines, Ia., under a provision of law  
which compels all foreign companies  
granted a license in Illinois to sign an  
agreement not to transfer any suit to  
the United States court, further agree-  
ing that in case such is done the li-  
cense shall be revoked. The Des Moines  
company had violated the agreement,  
it is alleged, by bringing suit in the  
federal court at Peoria and securing an  
injunction restraining Mrs. Jane  
Montgomery of Rock Island county  
from bringing any action in the state  
court against the company on a policy  
for \$5,000 issued to her husband, Robert  
S. Montgomery, now deceased, on the  
ground that false statements were  
made by Montgomery in application.

Company Wants a Restraining Order.

The company late yesterday brought  
suit asking that Superintendent Van  
Cleave be restrained from revoking its  
license. A motion for a temporary in-  
junction will be heard as soon as Sen-  
ator Berry, counsel for the insurance  
department, can be in this city. Coun-  
sel for the company held that if the li-  
cense was revoked they could not do  
any business in the state for three  
years, and that their business in the  
state would be ruined. He contends  
that some of the restrictions placed on  
foreign companies in Illinois are con-  
trary both to federal and state consti-  
tutions.

Another Insurance Law Test.

The Oceanic Accident and Guaranty  
Corporation of Great Britain will file a  
petition for a mandamus in the superi-  
or court against Superintendent  
Van Cleave to compel him to license it.  
In this state to do an accident and em-  
ployers' liability business in addition  
to business which it is already licensed  
to do. The result in this case will test  
the constitutionality of the law passed  
at the last session of the legislature  
governing casualty insurance com-  
panies. That part of the law which is  
objectionable provides for a deposit  
by companies like this one, organized  
in a foreign country, of securities  
amounting to \$100,000 in some state  
of the United States where they are li-  
censed, to be held and remain for the  
benefit of the policyholders.

GOVERNOR TANNER MUCH BETTER.

May Be Able to Avoid the Knife of the  
Surgeon Altogether.

Chicago, May 15.—There will be no  
operation performed on Governor Tan-  
ner in the immediate future certainly,  
and not at all unless there should be a

recurrence of the symptoms of the  
trouble from which he has been suffer-  
ing. This was decided at a consulta-  
tion held Sunday afternoon at the gov-  
ernor's apartments at the Great North-  
ern hotel by Dr. Nicholas Senn and  
his regular attending physician, Dr. L.  
C. Taylor, of Springfield.

The governor was given a thorough  
examination, and it was decided he had  
benefited so much from the treatment  
given him since his former visit here  
that an operation at present was not  
necessary. He is said to have gained  
several pounds in weight. He left for  
Springfield yesterday.

White Woman Kills a Black One.

Danville, Ill., May 15.—Mrs. Mary  
E. Smith, white, and a colored woman  
known as "Nigger Lucy" were arrested  
Sunday evening for engaging in a  
street fight. The police put them in  
the woman's department—a single  
large room—of the police station. As  
soon as the door was locked and the  
women were alone hostilities were re-  
sumed. "Nigger Lucy" threw Mrs.  
Smith down and was kicking and bit-  
ing her, when Mrs. Smith drew a  
pocket knife out of her stocking and  
stabbed "Nigger Lucy" instantly kill-  
ing her.

Yates Will Take a Short Rest.

Springfield, Ill., May 15.—Judge  
Yates, Republican nominee for govern-  
or, was in the city yesterday, and said  
that after the M. E. conference closes  
he will go to Harbor Point, Mich., to  
recreate for a month. He stated that  
he thought the chairman and secretary  
of the new Republican state central  
committee would be F. H. Rowe, of  
Jacksonville, and Walter Eldhouse, of  
Chicago, respectively, who filled these  
positions in Yates' campaign commit-  
tee.

Physicians Have Enough Law.

Springfield, Ill., May 15.—At a meet-  
ing held in this city yesterday, and  
attended by a number of the various district  
and county medical societies in the  
state preparatory to the annual meet-  
ing of the State Medical society, it was  
decided not to ask for further medical  
legislation at the next session of the  
legislature, but to give the new med-  
ical practice act a fair trial.

Descendant of John Alden.

Waukegan, Ill., May 15.—Little  
Miss Dorothy Bradford Alden, aged  
5 days, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
Arthur Alden, is the youngest direct  
descendant of John and Priscilla Al-  
den, of Mayflower fame. Her ancestry  
traces back to the Mayflower band of  
pilgrims in a line more direct and  
stronger than that of any descendant  
in other branches of the family known  
of today.

Judge Phillips Is Seriously Ill.

Hillsboro, Ill., May 15.—The condi-  
tion of Judge Jesse J. Phillips of the  
supreme court, ill at his home here,  
is considered critical. The watch at his  
bedside is being constantly main-  
tained.

Strike of Central Section Men.

Decatur, Ill., May 15.—All the Illi-  
nois section men here on the Illinois  
Central have struck. They have been  
getting \$1.10 and want \$1.50.

Refused to Betray His Murderer.

Marquette, Wis., May 15.—William  
Maher, a woodsman who was shot near  
Pembine, Saturday, died early yester-  
day morning. He refused to the last to  
divulge how the wound was inflicted.

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